



BACK TO SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 2021-2022





Lansing Unified School District 469

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Superintendent Dan Wessel

Welcome to the 2021-2022 school year! We are thrilled to welcome our returning Lansing USD 469 families as well as those new to our district. It has been an honor and pleasure to have been a part of the Lansing School District over the past 26 years, having served as teacher, building administrator, district administrator, and now starting my second year as Superintendent.

I believe family engagement in student learning is imperative to student success, and last year put that premise to the test. Looking back on the 2020-2021 school year and the challenges presented not only to our district but those across the country, I am proud of the way our school community and parents built a partnership for the betterment of the students in Lansing USD 469. We have overcome unprecedented adversity and have emerged stronger as a result.

Student success will remain at the forefront of Lansing USD 469's priorities for the upcoming school year. We will maintain the Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS) district-wide for students who are struggling academically. All students will be screened in reading and math during the first few weeks of school using FASTBRIDGE. These scores will be used to identify students who are likely to struggle academically, and we will use MTSS to rapidly aid students predicted not to meet their grade-level benchmark. The Lansing USD 469 Board of Education passed a district-wide Thursday late start schedule starting this school year to give our teachers ample time to collaborate to improve the MTSS process and student success. Busses will run one hour later each Thursday across our district. We offer free childcare for elementary and intermediate students (grades K - 5) through YMCA for parents needing to drop their students off at 8:00 am. The late start schedule will not occur during any week that consists of three school days or less.

Another change we are implementing this year is the addition of the Lansing USD 469 Greenbush Virtual Academy. Students accepted into the virtual school option will have a certified teacher through Greenbush and will be eligible for extracurricular activities through our district. Interested families should visit our website (www.usd469.net) for more information on how to start the enrollment process. We are also happy to share that USDA has extended free meals to students through the summer of 2022. There is no need to sign up – each child is eligible and will receive free meals this school year.

I am once again honored and humbled to lead this incredible district into a new school year. Please feel free to contact me at dan.wessel@usd469.net or 913-727-1100 if I can be of service. As always, "Every day is a great day to be a Lion." Thank you for supporting Lansing USD 469 and Kansas public education.

REGISTRATION

RETURNING STUDENTS

If you do not have your parent/guardian login and password, please call the schools for access. You will NOT be able to register with your student's Skyward login and password. Registration for returning students is now open.

NEW STUDENTS / KINDERGARTEN ENROLLMENT

For students **NEW** and **KINDERGARTEN** students, click REGISTER on the district website to acquire an ID and password to start the enrollment process. For those who already have an ID and password for Skyward Family Access, you can add the new student on your Family Access page. Click on "New Student Online Enrollment" on the top tab on the left.

Once you log in and fill out the required information for each enrolling student, the application will be sent to the registrar of the attending school for approval, and an email confirmation will be sent.

Lansing High School: 913-727-3357

Contact - Connie Hamilton, Registrar - email connie.hamilton@usd469.net

Lansing Middle School: 913-727-1197

Contact – Amanda Botts, Registrar – email amanda.botts@usd469.net

Lansing Intermediate School: 913-297-0990

Contact Devon Bresser, Registrar – email devon.bresser@usd469.net

Lansing Elementary School: 913-727-1128

Contact - Carrie Portenier, Registrar - email carrie.portenier@usd469.net

Early Childhood / SpEd Admin: 913-727-1755

Contact – Bridget Wolfe, Registrar - email bridget.wolfe@usd469.net

Required items:

- Certified birth certificate
- Proof of residency such as a utility bill, home sales contract or lease agreement
- Copy of transcript or report card from previous school
- Immunization records
- Health assessment/physical for students up to the age of nine enrolling at the elementary (must be within the last year)

Other items not required but may be beneficial:

- IEP or Special Education testing information
- Sports eligibility information
- Any legal documentation stating guardianship, custody, or general information

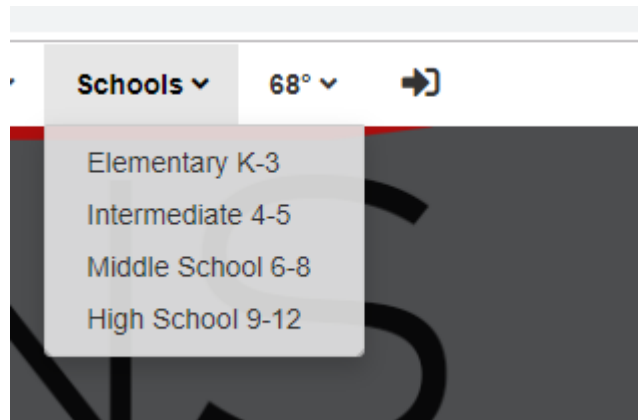
FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

Kindergarten through 9th Grade and New Students: **Thursday, August 19, 2021**

Grades 7, 8, 10, 11, & 12: **Friday, August 20, 2021**

Please check the website of the school your student attends for Open House Information, Student Orientations and Meet the Teacher Events! Additionally, Supply Lists have been posted on each school website.

Go to <http://www.usd469.net> and choose the school of attendance for the School Drop Down menu.



USD #469 NOTICE OF NON-DISCRIMINATION

Applicants for admission and employment, students, parents of elementary and secondary school students, employees, sources of referral of applicants for admission and employment, and all unions or professional organizations holding collective bargaining or professional agreements with Unified School District 469 are hereby notified that this institution does not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, color, national origin, gender, age, religion, marital status, veteran status, disability or any other basis prohibited by state or federal law in admission or access to, or treatment, or employment in, its programs and activities.

Any person having inquiries concerning Unified School District 469 compliance with the regulations implementing Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, Boy Scouts of America Equal Access Act of 2001, the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act of 1994 (USERRA)-, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, or reports of specific complaints, or alleged discrimination, is directed to contact Unified School District 469, 200 E. Mary Street, Lansing, Kansas 66043, (913) 727-1100. The Superintendent is designated by the USD 469 Board of Education to coordinate the institution's efforts to comply with the regulations implementing Title II, Title VI, Title IX, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, the Boy Scouts of America Equal Access Act of 2001, USERRA, Section 504 or other applicable federal, state or local law. The district provides equal access to the Boy Scouts of America and other designated youth groups.

Any person may also contact the Office for Civil Rights, U.S. Department of Education, One Petticoat Lane, 1010 Walnut Street, Suite 320, Kansas City, MO 64106, (816) 268-0550, TDD (877) 521-2172, regarding the institution's compliance with regulations implementing Title II, Title VI, Title IX, or Section 504. (2/2020)

Instructional Material Fees

Elementary (K-3)	\$ 25.00
Intermediate (4-5)	\$ 25.00
Middle School (6-8)	\$ 75.00
Activity/Participation	\$ 30.00
High School (9-12)	\$ 100.00
Activity/Participation	\$ 50.00

Kindergarten / 1st Grade Age Requirement

For the 2021-2022 school year, a child must attain age five on or before August 31 in order to attend Kindergarten. The child must attain age six on or before August 31 to attend first grade.

School Hours

Elementary School – K-3rd Gr.

Office Hours: 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM
School Hours: 8:30 AM – 3:30 PM*

Intermediate School – 4th & 5th Gr.

Office Hours: 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM
School Hours: 8:30 AM – 3:30 PM*

Middle School – 6th – 8th Gr.

Office Hours: 7:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.
School Hours: 8:15 A.M. – 3:20 P.M.*
Building Open for Students: 7:45 A.M.

High School

Office Hours: 7:30 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.
School Hours: 8:00 A.M. – 3:10 P.M.*
Building Open for Students: 7:20 A.M.

Special Education Admin Building

Office Hours: 7:30 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.
Building Hours: 8:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.

* Lansing USD 469 will be having a **district-wide late start each Thursday** for students in kindergarten through 12th grade. Busses will run one hour later each Thursday across our district. We are offering free childcare for grades K - 5 through YMCA for parents needing to drop their students off at 8:00am.

Lunch Prices

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

ALL Kansas Students can receive a free breakfast and lunch through the National School Lunch Program Seamless Summer Option each school day in the 2021-22 school year ensuring they are fueled and ready to learn.

Why should you take part in your school's free school meal program?

- ★ **USDA covers the cost of the meals for ALL STUDENTS.** You are not taking meals away from someone who might need it more.
- ★ **Every meal that is served helps your local food service program financially and keeps local food service staff employed.**
- ★ **Free school meals help extend families food budgets and can save time on meal preparation.**
- ★ **Meals are safe, nutritious and delicious!**

Contact your school or district office for more information.

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STATE DEPARTMENT OF
EDUCATION



This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

Breakfast:

K-12th Grade: FREE
Adults: \$2.30

Lunch:

K-12th Grade: FREE
Adult: \$4.00
Additional milk: \$0.50

Adults and guests are welcome to join us anytime for lunch at the current adult/guest meal price of \$4.00. Please notify the office by 8:30am if you will be joining us for lunch.

A "student lunch" consists of one entrée choice, fruit and/or vegetable selections and a beverage choice. Students may choose which items they would like to select or decline each day.

Monthly menus are available on the district website and are subject to change due to availability.

Each building provides a full breakfast menu! Breakfast is available to everyone prior to the start of the school day.

Busing Information

Lansing USD 469 is looking for two crossing guards for 2021-2022 school year!

Contact Jim Slapper for more information: 913-250-0749

The Lansing USD 469 Board of Education voted on and approved a new **Transportation Proposal** for the 2021-2022 school year during their April board meeting. The new policy is being put into place to increase the safety for our bus riders, make the beginning of the school year bus schedules more efficient, and allow for better communication between parents and school staff pertaining to transportation.

If you have not done it yet, you will register for bussing outside of the Skyward registration through the following link: **[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER FOR BUSSING](#)**

There is a \$35 household registration fee for families eligible to ride the bus. Free & reduced students who are eligible for transportation will ride free. Students will be assigned an RFID card which will be located and kept on the student's bus. Transportation is based on the student's home address on Skyward.

If you have previously filled out the form, you do not need to do it again. To see your student's bus number of pickup / drop off times, check your Skyward Family Access page. If you have questions, contact Janine Shields at **913-250-0749**.

The Kansas Department of Education provides transportation for students who reside 2.5 miles from their attendance center.

SAFE WALKING ZONES

Lansing School District has walking zones designated around each attendance center. Each Student Walking Zone will be drawn so that students will be eligible for school district transportation if walking to their school would result in students walking across or along Highway 7, DeSoto Road, 4H Road, and 147th Street. Students residing in a student walking zone for their school and nonresident students will **not** be transported.

THANK YOU

Custodial Department

Lansing USD 469 would like to send a huge thank you to our custodial department for their hard work over the summer months. Under the direction of Alan Brandt, the custodians have deep cleaned all our buildings (approximately 850,000 square feet), moved furniture, and help set-up for our All-District luncheon).

Back to School Safety Checklist from Kevin McCarley, Director of Emergency Preparedness

Back to school



Transportation Safety

Whether children walk, ride their bicycle or take the bus to school, it is extremely important that they take proper safety precautions. Here are some tips to make sure your child safely travels to school:

Walking to school

Review your family's walking safety rules and practice walking to school with your child

- ☐ Walk on the sidewalk, if one is available; when on a street with no sidewalk, walk facing the traffic
- ☐ Before you cross the street, stop and look left, right and left again to see if cars are coming
- ☐ Make eye contact with drivers before crossing and always cross streets at crosswalks or intersections
- ☐ Stay alert and avoid distracted walking

Riding a bicycle to school

Teach your child the rules of the road and practice riding the bike route to school with your child

- ☐ Ride on the right side of the road, with traffic, and in single file
- ☐ Come to a complete stop before crossing the street; walk bikes across the street
- ☐ Stay alert and avoid distracted riding
- ☐ Make sure your child always wears a properly fitted helmet and bright clothing

Riding the bus to school

Teach your children school bus safety rules and practice with them

- ☐ Go to the bus stop with your child to teach them the proper way to get on and off the bus
- ☐ Teach your children to stand six feet (or 3 giant steps) away from the curb
- ☐ If your child must cross the street in front of the bus, teach him or her to walk on the side of the road until they are 10 feet ahead of the bus; your child and the bus driver should always be able to see each other



Driving your child to school

Stay alert and avoid distracted driving

- ☐ Obey school zone speed limits and follow your school's drop-off procedure
- ☐ Make eye contact with children who are crossing the street

School Safety

Many school-related injuries are completely preventable. Follow these steps to ensure your child's safety at school:

Preventing backpack-related injuries

Choose a backpack for your child carefully; it should have ergonomically designed features to enhance safety and comfort

- ☐ Ask your child to use both straps when wearing their backpack to evenly distribute the weight on their shoulders
- ☐ Don't overstuff a backpack; it should weigh no more than 5 to 10 percent of your child's body weight
- ☐ Rolling backpacks should be used cautiously since they can create a trip hazard in crowded school hallways

Preventing playground-related injuries

To reduce strangulation hazards on playgrounds, have your child leave necklaces and jackets with drawstrings at home

2021 – 2022 Calendars

[Click here for Activities Calendar](#)

USD 469							2021-2022							Lansing, Kansas						
2021							SCHOOL CALENDAR							2022						
JULY							August 2021							JANUARY						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	Aug 10 & 11	New Teachers' Orientation					S	M	T	W	T	F	S	
				1	2	3	Aug 12-18	All Teachers Report											1	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Aug 19*	School Begins PreK-6 New MS & HS Students					2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	Aug 20**	School Begins For Returning Students in					9	10	11	12	13	14	15	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24		Grades 7-8 and 10-12					16	17	18	19	20	21	22	
25	26	27	28	29	30	31		September 2021					23	24	25	26	27	28	29	
							Sept 6	No School - Staff/Student Vacation					30	31						
							Sept 20	Professional Development - No School												
								October 2021												
							Oct 6	Teacher Work Day - No School												
							Oct 6	Conferences 4pm - 8pm												
							Oct 7	Conferences 7am - 3pm - No School												
							Oct 8	No School - Staff/Student Vacation												
							Oct 11	Professional Development - No School												
								November 2021												
							Nov 11	Veteran's Day - No School												
							Nov 24-26	Thanksgiving Break - No School												
								December 2021												
							Dec 23-Jan 3	Winter Break - No School												
								January 2022												
							Jan 4	Teacher Work Day - No School												
							Jan 5	Professional Development - No School												
							Jan 6	School Resumes												
							Jan 17	Martin Luther King Jr. Day - No School												
								February 2022												
							Feb 9	Conferences 4pm - 8pm												
							Feb 10	Conferences 7am - 3pm - No School												
							Feb 11	No School - Staff/Student Vacation												
							Feb 21	Professional Development - No School												
								March 2022												
							Mar 11	Teacher Work Day - No School												
							Mar 14-18	Spring Break												
								April 2022												
							Apr 15	No School - Staff/Student Vacation												
							Apr 18	Professional Development - No School												
								May 2022												
							May 6	Professional Development - No School												
							May 25	Last Day of School												
							May 26	Teacher Work Day - No School												
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Staff - No Students

Staff / Student Vacation

Immunization Requirements for the 2021 - 2022 School Year

K.A.R. 28-1-20 defines immunizations required for any individual who attends school or a childcare program operated by a school. Below are the requirements for the indicated school year. Please carefully review the requirements. The usual number of doses required are listed; however there are exceptional circumstances that could alter the number of doses a child needs. If you have questions about your child's immunization status, contact your child's primary care provider or local health department.

Proof of receiving the required immunizations must be provided to the school prior to the student attending the first day of school.



Early Childhood Program Operated by a School Ages 4 Years and Under

Vaccine	Requirement
DTaP/DT (diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis)	4 doses
IPV (polio)	3 doses
MMR (measles, mumps, rubella)	1 dose
Varicella (chickenpox)	1 dose*
Hepatitis A	2 doses
Hepatitis B	3 doses
Hib (haemophilus influenza type B)	4 doses**
Prenar (pneumococcal conjugate)	4 doses**

KDG - Grade 5

Vaccine	Requirement
DTaP/DT (diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis)	5 doses
IPV (polio)	4 doses***
MMR (measles, mumps, rubella)	2 doses
Varicella (chickenpox)	2 doses*
Hepatitis A	2 doses
Hepatitis B	3 doses

Grade 6

Vaccine	Requirement
DTaP/DT (diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis)	5 doses
IPV (polio)	4 doses***
MMR (measles, mumps, rubella)	2 doses
Varicella (chickenpox)	2 doses*
Hepatitis B	3 doses

Grades 7 - 9

Vaccine	Requirement
Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis)	1 dose~
IPV (polio)	4 doses***
MMR (measles, mumps, rubella)	2 doses
Varicella (chickenpox)	2 doses*
Hepatitis B	3 doses
Meningococcal (serogroup A,C,W,Y)	1 dose

Grades 10 - 12

Vaccine	Requirement
Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis)	1 dose~
IPV (polio)	4 doses***
MMR (measles, mumps, rubella)	2 doses
Varicella (chickenpox)	2 doses*
Hepatitis B	3 doses

Grades 11 - 12

Required in addition to above vaccines for Grades 10 - 12

Meningococcal (serogroup A, C, W, Y) 1-2 doses *See below:*

*If the first dose was received before 16 years of age,
2 doses are required, the 2nd due at age 16-18 yrs.*

*If the first dose was received at age 16-18 yrs,
only 1 dose is required.*

Notes

* Varicella (chickenpox) vaccine is not required if child has had chickenpox disease **and** disease is documented by a physician signature. Without a physician signature, vaccine is still required even if you believe your child has had chickenpox disease.

**Total doses needed are dependent on vaccine type and child's age when the doses were administered.

***Three doses are acceptable if the 3rd dose was given after 4 years of age and there are at least 6 months between the second and third doses.

~ All students in grades 7-12 must have one dose of Tdap regardless of the interval since the last dose of DTaP or Td.

Additional ACIP RECOMMENDED Vaccines Not Required for School Entry

● **Influenza (Flu):** Annual vaccine recommended for everyone 6 months of age and older.

● **HPV (Human Papillomavirus) Vaccine:**

2 doses recommended at age 11 years

2 doses needed if started at 11-14 years

3 doses needed if started at 15 years or older

Provided by the Jefferson County Health Department

GENERAL INFORMATION

Lansing Board of Education

The district is governed by a seven-member Board of Education that are elected to four-year terms. All seven members of the Board are elected at-large. Elections are held biannually to alternately elect three Board members and four Board members. The present members of the Board of Education are as follows:

Aaron Yoakam, President
Michelle McQuillan, Vice-President
John Dalbey
John Hattok

Pete Robinson
Cheryl Runnebaum
Beth Stevenson

Lansing Board of Education Meeting Dates

The Board of Education will meet in the District Office, 200 E. Mary St. at 6:00 pm on the second Monday of every month. Parents, Students, Employees, and Patrons of Lansing School District are encouraged to attend these meetings to stay up to date with the progress of the Lansing School District.

Paperless Meeting Technology

Lansing USD469 is leveraging the power of Internet to radically improve the governance process while saving time, taxpayer dollars, and the environment. The eGovernance initiative replaced the old and costly method of compiling, printing, binding and distributing paper agenda packets by hand. The remarkably powerful, easy-to-use solution will enable the district to maximize the effectiveness of their board meetings with increased transparency, providing a basis for better and more open communication with the public, while dramatically increasing productivity and saving thousands of dollars annually.

[Click here to access the Lansing USD 469 BoardDocs website.](#)

Release of Student Records

The school district makes every effort to protect the confidentiality of student records. The school district follows the procedures outlined in the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 concerning the release of student records.

Substitute Employment

Anyone interested in being a substitute teacher, substitute bus driver, or a substitute cook should submit an application online at www.usd469.net.

School Closings/Early Dismissals/Emergency Information/School Event Reminders

- Lansing USD 469 Mobile App: [Click here for instructions on how to download our free app.](#)
- [Skylert School Messenger Texts](#)
- Social Media: We will share cancellations through our district facebook and Twitter accounts.
- Email: An email will be sent to all parents via Skyward.
- Media: We will air our closing announcements on KMBC TV 9, KCTV 5, WDAF TV 4, KSHB TV 41, KMBZ AM 980, KFKF FM 94.1, KCUR FM 89.3.

Policies / Rights / Acts

[Click here for all Lansing USD 469 Policies](#)

- [Enrollment Policy](#)
- [Student and Parent Rights \(Section 504\)](#)
- [Student Discipline Policy](#)
- [USD469 Annual Notice to Parents and Students of Rights under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act](#)
- Sexual Harassment: [GAAC](#) and [JGEC](#)

Americans with Disabilities Act

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a national mandate to end discrimination against persons with disabilities in social and economic life.

Lansing USD #469 does not discriminate against a qualified individual with a disability in any aspect of employment.

The ADA is enforced by the Equal Employment Opportunities Commission (EEOC) and the Kansas Act Against Discrimination.

Asbestos Information

Lansing Unified School District #469 has been complying with federal and state asbestos regulations for many years. Some of the building materials in our schools do contain asbestos. These materials are periodically inspected and maintained to ensure that they do not present a health hazard to students, employees, and visitors. The asbestos management plan for USD #469 is located in the district administrative office and in the administrative office of each school. Interested persons may inspect the plan at any time. If you have specific questions, you may contact Mike Williams at (913)727-1100.

Drug Free Schools and Workplace

Maintaining drug free schools is important in establishing an appropriate learning environment for the district's students. The unlawful possession, use, sale or distribution of illicit drugs and alcohol by students on school premises or as a part of any school activity is prohibited.

Lansing USD #469 adheres to the 1989 amendments to the Drug Free Schools and Communities Act, P.L. 102-226, 103 Stat 1928, requiring both school and higher educational institutions to adopt certain policies in order to remain eligible for any federal financial assistance, including student financial aid.

Policies regarding Drug Free Schools and Workplace are in your child's student handbook, can be obtained from each attendance center or the District Office.